Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, December 5, 1887.

A special meeting of the City Council was held December 5th. Present—Mayor Cowan (in the chair) Ald. Charles Taylor, Davis, Greer, Bowman, Skinner, Moore, George Taylor, Dreaney, McIntosh, Heaman and Hook.

COMMUNICATIONS.

William Hawthorn, T. E. Manness, Cairncross & Lawrence, John Hood, Thomas Trebilcock, A. A. Booker, Racheal Watson, S. H. Wood, Mrs. Arlott, W. C. Hobbs, Margret Martin, R. S. Leigh, James McNeil, John M. Price, Simpson Thompson, James Andrus, Martha Rapsey, Mr. Slater—*Re* taxes. No. 1.

Drs. Arnott and Moorehouse—*Re* purchase of three lots on Central School grounds. No. 1.

Fraser & Fraser—*Re* Lebel contract. No. 2.

Messrs. Owens & O'Neil—*Re* arbitration. No. 2.

Allan Hammond—*Re* lamps on Queen street, and Lieut. Col. Smith—*Re* supply of gas to Military School. No. 3.

From the City Solicitor—*Re* Hospital Board, Borrowing Powers and By-laws. Filed.

James Charles—Asking for the City Hall on December 27 for the Forest City Band. Referred to the City Treasurer.

From the City Treasurer—Stating that the valuation of the old Exhibition Grounds and Ordnance Lands was filed in the office of the City Clerk. It is $151,456.83, and the debentures issued by virtue of said assessment were Military Grounds, $40,000; Exhibition buildings, $60,000.

NO. 1 COMMITTEE.

Ald. Bowman (Chairman) reported:—

1—That whereas the Western Fair Board have promised to pay to the city the sum of $1,000 in cash, and to make over to the city the electric light plant, worth $700; the grand stand, worth $1,200, and to pay to the city the amount they are to receive from the Agricultural and Arts Association, your Committee beg to recommend that, in view of the offer and that all the works performed were absolutely necessary, the Council pay the contractors the balance of money due them.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

Yeas — Ald. Davis, Bowman, Hook, Moore, George Taylor, McIntosh and Heaman.

Nays—Ald. Charles Taylor, Greer, Skinner and Dreaney.

THE WATERWORKS BY-LAW.

The By-law for taking a vote of the people on the borrowing of $150,000 for the extension of the Water-works was read three times and passed.

Ald. Bowman then moved, seconded by Ald. Davis, that it is deemed desirable that the citizens should have all the information necessary to enable them to vote intelligently on the by-law ask ing for power to issue debentures showing the necessity for said by-law, to repay $46,000 due from the Water Commissioners, and the power this Council shall have to control any balance; Resolved that the Auditor, His Worship the Mayor and the Chairman of No. 1 Committee be a Committee to issue a circular to the ratepayers giving all necessary information for their guidance in voting.

The by-law to appoint places and Deputy-returning Officers for the forthcoming municipal elections was read and passed, the blanks being filled in as follows:—

No. 1 Ward.

First division—Polling place, City Hall; C. A. Kingston, Deputy-Returning Officer.

Second division—William Veitch's store; John C. Williams.

Third division—Horton Street School House; F. W. Cryer.

Fourth division—The house of George Quinton, Grey Street; John J. Spettigue.

Second Ward.

First division—James Percival's house; James Percival.